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SUBJECT: VIETNAMESE REFUGEES ABOARD ISRAELI OWNED VESSEL

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1. DURING THE DEBATE IN THE KNESSET OF THE GOVERNMENT'S POLICY STATEMENT ON JUNE 20, PRIME MINISTER BEGIN SAID ONE OF THE FIRST STEPS OF HIS NEW GOVERNMENT WOULD BE TO ADMIT THE VIETNAMESE REFUGEES ABROAD THE "YUVALI" TO ISRAEL. HE SAID THEIR SITUATION WAS SIMILAR TO THAT OF JEWISH REFUGEES FOUR DECADES AGO.

2. THE MFA DIRECTOR FOR ASIAN AFFAIRS (HORAM) TOLD US SUBSEQUENTLY THAT THE GOVERNMENT HAS DECIDED IN PRINCIPLE TO ACCEPT THE REFUGEES INTO ISRAEL AND TO CONTINUE EFFORTS TO RELOCATE THEM PERMANENTLY. HE SAID THAT AN INTERMINISTERIAL TEAM CHAIRED BY ANUG, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR GENERAL OF THE MFA, HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED TO WORK OUT THEIR TRAVEL. HORAM SAID THE GOVERNMENT WISHES TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS TO MOVE THE REFUGEES TO ISRAEL FROM TAIWAN AND THE COMMITTEE HOPES, THEREFORE, TO COMPLETE ITS CONSIDERATION

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OF THE MATTER BEFORE THE "YUVALI" DEPARTS FOR YOKOHAMA.

3. HORAM SAID THAT THE MFA WILL NOTIFY ITS AMBASSADOR IN GENEVA TO SEEK THE ASSISTANCE OF THE UN HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR REFUGEES, PARTICULARLY REGARDING DOCUMENTATION FOR THE REFUGEES. BECAUSE THE UNHCR

HAS NO OFFICE OR REPRESENTATIVE IN TAIWAN, ISRAEL  
MAY WISH TO REQUEST U.S. ASSISTANCE IN MAKING  
ARRANGEMENTS FOR THEIR DEPARTURE.  
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